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Ms. Linda Beasley
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 77 West Jackson Boulevard
 Chicago, IL 60604

RE: General Notice of Potential Liability
Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois, Inc.
Site, Gary, Indiana; response

Dear Ms. Beasley:

Pursuant to your General Notice of Potential Liability dated September 28, 1994, regarding Conservation Chemical Company in Gary, Indiana, Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company (Company) is responding to the best of its knowledge and belief based on existing records which we have been able to review in the time allowed. The Company intends to continue to review its archival records for additional pertinent information as well as to conduct further investigations.

Based on the review of available documents and consultation with Gilbert and Bennett Manufacturing Company employees to date, the Gilbert and Bennett Manufacturing Company has not uncovered any evidence that any Gilbert & Bennett waste was transported, stored or disposed of at the Conservation Chemical Company in Gary, Indiana.

We have also filed a FOIA request for copies of any documents linking the company to this site. Consequently, the Company is not in a position, at this time, to make a determination regarding its responsibilities with respect to this facility. In the event we obtain information indicating that we are in fact responsible parties with respect to this facility under CERCIA, the Company intends to cooperate with the EPA and other responsible parties in this process. Further, we are planning to be present at the November, 10, 1994 "Kickoff" meeting in Chicago.

Again, the Company desires to cooperate fully in this matter, consistent with its legal obligations, rights and privileges. The Company asks that if you have any information that links Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Company to this site that this information be forwarded to Richard Oriente, Director of Environmental Affairs for the Company, at One North Main Street, Georgetown, Connecticut 06829, phone (203) 544-8323, extension 376.

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If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Oriente". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first and last names being clearly legible.

Richard Oriente
Director of Environmental Affairs

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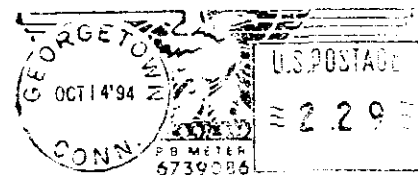
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